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In re Patent Application of:

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For: SOFTWARE PROGRAM PROVIDING  
SYSTEM AND SOFTWARE PROGRAM  
PROVIDING METHOD

: Group Art Unit: 2122

: Examiner: M. J. Yigdall

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 4 and 10, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: